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## **BLM Rock Springs Field Office Hosts Socioeconomic Strategies Workshop**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rock Springs Field Office invites the public to a socioeconomic strategies workshop for its resource management plan (RMP) revision process on Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Rock Springs Holiday Inn at 1675 Sunset Drive.

The workshop will include a review of historical and current local and regional social and economic conditions and how BLM-administered lands relate to and influence these conditions. The workshop will also help identify desired social and economic conditions and how to enhance these through planning and policy decisions within the authority of the BLM, cooperating agencies and other partners.

"Successful resource management must involve those communities close to public lands," states Rock Springs Field Manager Lance Porter. "This workshop is an excellent way for the public to get involved and learn how social and economic analysis can fit into the BLM RMP process."

The socioeconomic workshop agenda and information on the Rock Springs RMP revision are available at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/RockSprings.html>.

For workshop information, please contact Darren Cook at 307-352-0241. For Rock Springs RMP revision information, please contact Lynn Harrison at 307-352-0259.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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